

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 3:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/FR03/50200, filed December 22, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on August 5, 2004 in French and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0300048, filed January 3, 2003. --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 9 on page 1

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 27 on page 1

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 28 on page 2

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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